

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 10 has been amended as supported by paragraph [0035] of the specification and Figs. 9A and 9B. New claims 11-13 have been added, as supported by paragraph [0035] of the specification and Figs. 9A and 9B. No new matter is added. Claims 10-13 are pending.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over either Akira et al. (JP H09-197394) in view of Frederick (U.S. Patent No. 4,373,611), Mizutani et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,258,666), JP 2003-150093 (Hiroyuki) and Mizuno et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,466,325). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 10 is directed to a film peeling method for a display panel that requires, among other features, steps of separating the display panel from a bulb of the display and placing the display panel on a supporting member that supports the display panel in a state with the display panel facing upward.

The combination of Akira, Frederick, Mizutani, Hiroyuki and Mizuno does not teach or suggest these features. Akira is directed to a device for peeling a polarizing plate from a liquid crystal panel. However, Akira fails to disclose the supporting member. Frederick is directed to a system for a grocery store which includes an unloading conveyor and a grocery cart and is not relevant to a method of peeling a film from a display. Mizutani is directed to a method of peeling a semiconductor thin film and producing a solar cell using the peeled semiconductor thin film. This also is not relevant to a method of peeling a film from a display. Hiroyuki is directed to a signboard sheet peeling device. Mizuno is directed to a resist removing method that comprises steps of adhering an adhesive tape onto a surface of a resist pattern formed on a semiconductor wafer and peeling off the resist pattern together with the adhesive tape. However, nowhere do these references suggest steps of separating the display panel from a bulb of the display and placing the display panel on the supporting member to prepare for removing the film from the display pannel.

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For at least these reasons, claim 10 is not unpatentable over the combination of Akira, Frederick, Mizutani, Hiroyuki and Mizuno.

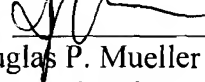
Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.



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